

Emergency Recreational Shooting Closure Process in Response to Fire Conditions for Region 3

The Forest Supervisor shall ensure that an emergency order applies to the smallest area of National Forest System land necessary to meet its purpose and applies for the least amount of time necessary to meet its purpose. The duration of an emergency order must be only for so long as needed to mitigate the adverse effects that resulted in the emergency.

This process follows the emergency recreational shooting closure requirements in response to fire conditions listed in FSH 5309.11 – Law Enforcement Handbook Chapter 30 – Violations, 34.21 – Emergency Hunting, Fishing, or Shooting Orders.

1. Forest creates order and justification.
2. Forest sends order and justification to Larry Webb, Regional Patrol Commander, for Special Agent in Charge review and Leigh Sellari for OGC review.
3. Leigh Sellari sends OGC approved order back to Forest Supervisor and Larry Webb.
4. Forest uploads the complete draft order into box at <https://usfs.box.com/s/dmit2t8fkyxe7ikoscwagghpl4mvpg5x> than notifies Francisco Salazar, RO Prevention Program Manager, that an emergency recreational shooting restriction is ready for Regional Forester review and concurrence.
5. Francisco Salazar arranges briefing with the RO Executive Office by requesting a meeting through Courtney Upshall, Executive Assistant.
6. Regional Forester provides concurrence.
7. Forest Supervisor signs order.
8. Francisco Salazar sends complete final recreation shooting restriction package to RO Recreation Program Managers, Dennis Garcia, Kenneth Born and Brian Poturalski.
9. RO Recreation Program Manager sends the complete recreation shooting restriction order package to Jamie Schwartz, WO Shooting Sports Program Manager.
10. Forest Supervisor notifies State Fish and Game Department and any affected Tribes.
11. In addition to complying with the posting requirements in Section 32.3, the Responsible Official shall also post the emergency order, the justification for the emergency order, and any accompanying map on the website of the affected administrative unit.

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